August 24, 2003

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon., Aug. 25, 2003
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22
Office Hours – 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
5:30 pm - Mass
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - Evening Prayer

Tues., Aug. 26, 2003
1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26
8:00 am - Mass
Office Hours – 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
4:30 pm - Communion Service, Bob Roseland home.

Wed., Aug. 27, 2003
1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
9:00 - 12:00 - Food Pantry
Office Hours - Closed
6:00 - Mass at Joe & Bonnie Hilt home

Thurs., Aug. 28, 2003
1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
8:00 am - Mass
Office Hours - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Fri., Aug. 29, 2003
1 Thes 4:1-8 Mk 6:17-19
No Mass
Office Hours - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Sat., Aug. 30, 2003
1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30 (weekday reading)
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9:00 - 10:30 am - Share Distribution
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
4:00 - 4:30 - Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Family Choir
Euch. Min.: Body: Greg Sass
Blood: Ken/Kathy Van Asma
Please Volunteer
Lector: Gladys Doyle/Doris Hume
Servers: Sarah Cresalia/Ryan Henrickson
Andy Pitsor
Usher: Charlie Cresalia/Mel Pitsor
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Betsy Van Asma
Sacristan: Joe/Linda Schacher

Sun., Aug. 31, 2003
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
8:00 a.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Regena's Minstrels
Euch. Min.: Body: Bruce Johnson
Blood: Dean Antonsen/Brenda Jacobs
Don Konechne/Judy Wilson
Lector: Nick Van Asma/Reeny Wilson
Servers: Chris Beyer
Clint/Cody Wilson
Usher: Stan Barber/Marc Jacobs
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Mary Johnson
Sacristan: Bruce/Mary Johnson
9:00 - Rosary Prayer in Church
9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts

10:30 a.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Folk Group
Euch. Min.: Body: Jan Schurman
*Blood: Jan Schurman/****Please Volunteer***
Please Volunteer/Please Volunteer
Lector: Brad/Mary Blauvelt
Servers: Tyler Corbine/Gina Czmowski
Jessica Long
*Usher: Please Volunteer/****Please Volunteer***
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Sacristan: Brad/Mary Blauvelt

Intentions:
Sun., Aug. 24 8:00 am - For Parishioners
10:30 am - Repose of Bernice Iliff
Tues., Aug. 26 - Repose of Bernice Iliff

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. There is nowhere else to go. Follow Jesus, come what may. (Jn 6:60-69)

Donations of fresh cut flowers from parishioner gardens and yards are invited and appreciated for weekend masses. Please bring them to the church on Saturday around noon. Questions? Please call Joyce at 787-7075.

Now hiring a part time (20-25 hrs per week) secretary/bookkeeper for Our Lady of the Black Hills Church, Piedmont, SD. Must have good working knowledge of accrual based accounting, be proficient working in Microsoft Word, Excel and data base programs, and have good phone and people skills. Please send resume to: Our Lady of the Black Hills Church, 12365 N. Hwy 79, Piedmont, SD 57769. Deadline for resume acceptance is Sept. 1, 2003.

Anyone interested in organizing pledges and walkers from OLBH for the "Heart Walk" in Rapid City may pick up a package of materials in the library.

To train for Ministry Service please contact the people listed below to set a time up before Sept. 6.
Lector Training: Please call Diane Clarke at 787-4545 or Brad Blauvelt at 343-6906.
Eucharistic Ministers: Please call Mary Antonsen at 787-5622 or Patrick Paur at 787-4141.
Altar Server Training: Please call Ken or Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.
Usher and Greeter Training: Please call Jim Hoag at 787-9090 or Kevin Conway at 718-5789.
Bread Baker: Please call Patty Cariveau at 718-5882 or Cecilia Keller at 787-6307.
Sacristans: Please call Bruce & Mary Johnson to arrange a time to train. 787-5175.

SPARKS FROM MARK:

Brother Loughlan, in his article "A Spirituality for Councils" states "the mission of the parish, first of all, is to form and nurture people to be a leaven in society". To be a leaven in society means one must begin with their relationship with God, because out relationship with God should effect every aspect of my life.

He goes on to describe seven elements that make up the spirituality of the pastoral council. The council must be reflective. In other words, the council and its councilors must develop and nurture an attitude of prayer in the midst of a very demanding life style. The councilors help the parish community in their hunger and thirst for God in the midst of the chaos of their lives. To develop an attitude of prayer, one must make room for individual as well as group prayer. To leave some room in one's day or week for time for silent and solitude, helps one to be more attentive to the moving of the spirit in our midst.

The council must have a spirituality that is shared. The council is called to foster the development of the parish as a living Christian community. Brother Loughlan says that councils should develop a spirituality that contains a shared and a communal dimension to it. The council needs to learn how to be open to sharing their faith with one another and the parish community. Questions such as these really help to open ones heart and mind to the spirit of God: When have you been most aware of God in your life? Where have you found God in this parish in the last month? Who in the parish most reflects Jesus for you?

Avery Dulles says that if a parish wants to become a community of disciples it is essential for them to learn how to share their faith. Part of the spirituality of the council is for the councilors to model and live this faith sharing in their lives.

Source: Four Ways to Build More Effective Parish Councils A Pastoral Approach by Twenty-Third Publications.

Home Mass - Wed., Aug. 27. will be at the home of Joe & Bonnie Hilt. 7219 Emerald Hts. Rd. 787-4111. Please call for directions.

Summer Fest 03

Sunday, September 7:
Bike ***OR HIKE*** Mickelson Trail. Leave parish at 1:00 pm. Most will begin at Mountain Trailhead (Crazy Horse) and Hike/Bike to Hill City. However, the trail often runs parallel to the highway and people can jump on the trail at any place they want, for a 2 or 5-mile hike if they are not ready for the full 10.5-mile hike. Mass at 5:00 pm followed by a potluck at Hill City Park.

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Robin Stahly - peace
Trish Kostel - improved health
Paula Honerkamp - improved health
Lloyd Foight - Peace
Cliff Schlenker - improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Ray Walz - improved health
Joshua Weaver - improved health
Abe Usera - improved health
Willard Sharp - for healing
Elaine O'Donnell - for healing
Judi James - for healing
Marie Potthoff - improved health
Dot Gravel - repose
Marcella Lipp - Special Intention

Youth Formation Happenings:

Check out the website at http://olbh.org. Click on News and then click on newsletter.

Teachers Needed:

The following grades will need teachers before we can begin on Wed., Sept. 24:
9th Grade - 2 teachers,
10th grade - 1 teacher,
11th Grade - (not Confirmation) 2 teachers.
Call Brenda at 787-7907 (H) or 787-5168 (W).

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL EDUCATION CLASSES!

Forms can be found at the table in the narthex. Classes will begin at the end of September.

Do you have an older child who has not been baptized? We may be starting a class to help these children prepare for this sacrament. Call Brenda at 787-5168.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month. Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.

Rosary After Masses: The Rosary will be recited through Oct. of 2003 in celebration of the "Year of the Rosary"

Hand made rosaries and rosary bracelets for sale in the parish office. The bracelets are a great way for women to have a reminder to say the rosary while away on a busy day. Either 1 decade or full bead rosary bracelets look great and tells of our Catholic faith. A great gift that helps the piano fund too! Fr. Mark will bless the rosaries at no extra cost!

Cyber - Prayer Corner

Please remember these people in your daily prayers:
- Paula Hoff - healing of cancer
- For a son - God's protection and direction
Jodi and Kathy - Mental health
For a wife and mother - healing and peace

STEWARDSHIP
August 16 - 17, 2003
General Collections:

*Loose-	$631.87
*Envelopes -	$1,604.00
*Votive-	$16.36
*Student -	$54.59
*Assumption-	$143.00
Wedding Inc.-	$100.00
Facility Use- (Kiwanis pancake bfst).	$1510.03
*Memorial- (Mary Jo Sanderson)	$50.00
Youth Formation-	$485.00
Pop Machine Inc.-	$5.00
Coffee/Donuts-	$100.00
Seminarian Fund-	$100.00
*Building Fund-	$20.00
	3,568.19

* Amounts figured into the contribution income for the chart below.

2004 Actual and Budgeted Income

Aug. 16-17, 2003 Last weekend $2,519.82	Weekly Budgeted $4,100.00
Year to date actual $26,372.95	Year to date budgeted $28,700.00

Diocesan News:

Bishop's Trail Ride 2003: Ride the Trail With Bishop Blase Cupich, Sept. 12-13, 2003. Saddle up with Bishop for the first annual Bishop's Trail Ride at the Nature Conservancy's Whitney Preserve" in the southern Black Hills. All proceeds will go to the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation's Seminarian Education Fund. You must have your own horses, gear and some experience. Accommodations are on your own. For more information, please see bulletin board in the narthex or you may call Bob Bickett at 343-3541.

Common Sense Parenting classes will be available at Catholic Social Services Thursdays from Sept. 4 through October 9, 2003. Class times will be 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For more information or to register, please call 348-6086.

Marriage Encounter Weekends are a time for married couples to examine their lives together - to know each other more completely and love more deeply. You will learn effective ways to dialogue, and have opportunities to share feelings, fears, hopes, and joys. Weekend scheduled Sept. 12-14 in Sioux Falls, SD. For info call Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541. Pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration is August 29. To register call Noel & Mary Lais at 605-334-0485. ***Looking for a weekend in the Black Hills Area? Reserve Oct. 24-26 on your calendar for a Marriage Encounter weekend in Hill City.***

Support Group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed (Level 1) is for all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation, divorce or death of a spouse. It will be held on Thursday evenings, Sept. 25-Nov.20 at St. Therese in Rapid City. Sessions begin at 7:00 pm and run for 9 weeks. Fee: $25.00. Pre-registration is requested by Sept. 18. For info. or to register please call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Women of Faith meet in the Lower Sacristy in the Cathedral Hall on Wednesdays, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. The meeting is handicapped accessible. Babysitting is provided. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a schedule of events for fall of 2003.

Bereavement Support Group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one through death. It is sponsored by Family Life Ministries and all throughout the diocese are encouraged to attend. The eight-week session will begin on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Please come early to register. For info., or to register call Janece Rieman, at 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages: A weekend away to "rediscover" yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Although no weekends are scheduled locally, there will be one offered in the region on Sept. 19-21 in Denver, CO. To register call Jeff & Dianne Johnson at 303-833-0958. For general info. on weekends call John & Susan Wagner at 348-6541 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

St. Thomas More Business Office Opening: Accounting Clerk, 20 hours per week, 11.5 months per year. Duties to include preparisng and entering deposeits, handling accounts payable, assisting with accounts receivable along with other accounting duties as assigned. If interested please send or drop off resume listing accounting, computer, and business experience to Mary Stein, Business Office, 300 Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City, SD. 57701.

On Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Martin Monastery, experience "Basking in His Presence", a workshop on prayer and sacred movement presented by Paula and Bill Douthett of Dorset, England. Bill and Paula are well known internationally for their workshops focused on an experience of prayer through individual and group movement. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 343-8011 or email at srflomcman@aol.com. A donation is accepted. See bulletin board in narthex for more information.

For the Ride Home
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2003

Scripture

- As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15b)
- The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. (Psalm 34:19)
- and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:31b,32)
- Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." John (6:68,69)

Reflection

- Pick a verse or phrase from above or from the day's readings. Keep the phrase close to your heart for a day. Be quiet and rest in peace with the Word.
- Leave all thoughts and activities behind for five minutes to be open to God's presence.

It is the Spirit of God that must teach us who Christ is and form Christ in us and transform us into other Christs. After all, transformation into Christ is not just an individual affair: there is only one Christ, not many. He is not divided. And for me to become Christ is to enter into the Life of the Whole Christ, the Mystical Body made up of the Head and the members, Christ and all who are incorporated in Him by the His Spirit. (Thomas Merton - New Seeds of Contemplation - p. 156),